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Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN., 28 1899

Washington ... Letter

RESIDENT McKinley may be in common with many other patriotic citizens, thoroughly disinterested in the game of "small politics" the Democratic Senators, with five or six exceptions, are trying to play for the control of the Democratic party, with the treaty of peace; but he knows that they cannot ignore him or the Republican party or the country, and that, although they can delay the ratification of the treaty, they cannot prevent it. The most that the obstructionists can do will be to prevent the treaty being voted upon at this session of Congress. In that case, an extra session will be called to ratify the treaty. Neither President McKinley nor the Republican leaders of the Senate, will consent to the compromise offered by the obstructionists to amend to a treaty by binding this government to a particular policy towards the Philippines.

"The right man in the right place" is the general Republican comment upon Speaker Reed's selection of Representative Payne, of New York, to succeed the late Representative Dingy as Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means and Republican leader. Mr. Payne has been in the House fourteen years and has long ranked as a leading member of that body.

The vote on the Nicaragua Canal bill was delayed until Saturday afternoon, mostly by obstructive tactics, when it was passed, after having been amended by a vote of 48 to 6. If the House Commerce Committee report this bill as it is, it could be passed, but it is feared that it will not. If it doesn't, the chance for getting the bill through at this session is slim.

The River and Harbor bill has been reported to the House. It carries appropriations for more than \$12,000,000, divided among thirty odd states, and is certain to become a law.

The attitude of the two political parties toward the Philippines was graphically shown by the following, from a spirited dialogue between General Grosvenor, of Ohio, and Representative Carmack, of Tenn.: General Grosvenor—"What would the distinguished gentleman from Tennessee do with the Philippines?" Mr. Carmack—"I would turn my back on them and sail away and never look back." General Grosvenor—"And all the world would brand your back with the word Coward."

Representative Bailey, of Texas, during the running discussion in which much was said about the slavery of the Philippines sought to disconcert General Grosvenor by saying: "I would like to ask the gentleman if this new crusade upon the old slavery question is to fly in the face of the President's generous offer to take care of the Confederate graves?" But he looked thoroughly ashamed of himself when Gen. Grosvenor brought down the House by quietly replying: "In the graves of the noble men who fought for a mistaken cause was buried the opposition to the great principles of the Republican party in the controversy for liberty and justice to all mankind; and, therefore, it is meet and proper that the leader of the Republican party in this country should be the leader of the idea of protecting those graves; and I endorse every word he says."

Senator Hawley has forwarded to the town clerk of Hartford, Conn., in accordance with law, a sworn statement as to the cost to him of his re-election to the Senate, which is as creditable to him as it is to the Connecticut Legislature. It shows that Mr. Hawley spent no money, except for postage, and that less than \$3 was spent for that.

Senator Nelson, of Minn., made an able speech against the Vest anti-expansion resolution, in which additional proof of our right constitutionally to govern the Philippines as colonies was produced, and besides, he truthfully said: "Our duty is to breathe into the people of those islands the life and spirit which will enable them to enjoy and appreciate the government and the privileges that are to be given them."

Mr. Nelson also gave Senator Tillman, of S. C., who tried to put in his pitchfork by intimating that Senator Nelson was better posted about Norway, where he was born, and Sweden, than about the U. S., a knockout blow by referring him to numerous histories

from which all the facts about the people of Norway and Sweden could be obtained, and adding: "But, I think the Senator will find that the Norwegians have greater rights and liberties than the people of South Carolina."

The court-martial ordered to try Gen. Egan for his insulting language towards Gen. Miles, will assemble in Washington this week, and proceed at once to business, unless Gen. Egan requests a delay for the purpose of preparing his defense. Such a request would be granted, if made; in fact, it is considered a right of all officers called before a court-martial. It is not expected that the trial will be long after get started, nor is there much doubt of the verdict, although there is much doubt as to the punishment that Gen. Egan will finally get. The army regulations prescribe dismissal from the army when found guilty of the charges upon which Egan will be tried, but there are few who believe that the President will allow so extreme a penalty to be imposed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.
International S. S. Lesson for January 29th, 1899.
Jesus at Jacob's Well—John 4: 5-15.
Read to 43d verse.

Golden Text—"Whoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst."—John 4: 14.

As Jesus wished to go from Judea, where He had been teaching and baptizing with His disciples, to Galilee, a northern province, "He must needs go through Samaria." [Jing between, He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near which was a place of land owned by Jacob, the Father of the Israelites, who had temporarily dwelt there and dug a well.

Jesus came to this well about noon, and being "wearied with His journey" sat down to rest, while His disciples went into the city to buy food. How blessed, as we became wearied with our journey, to know that Jesus can sympathize with us, especially if like Paul "in journeyings often" and "in weariness" in His work we have fellowship with Him.

"A woman of Samaria" came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give Me to drink." The woman thought it strange request as "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans," but as "God so loved the world," as to give His Son to die for it, "there is no respect of persons with God," nor any outside the reach of the Saviour's love, nor the love of His disciples.

Jesus spoke to her of "the gift of God" which "is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," of which she knew not or she would "have asked of Him the living water." She was like many whom "the god of this world had blinded" . . . lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ should shine upon them.

The loving words of Jesus are ringing still along the years, "If any man thirst let Him come unto Me and drink," and even before His day Isaiah cried, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters."

The poor sin-blinded woman could not understand Jesus, but thought He referred to the well on which He sat. While forgetting weariness and thirst He patiently and lovingly told her that unlike the water from Jacob's well, whoever drank of it would thirst again; while the water that He should give would be "a well of water springing up into everlasting life, a soul-satisfying fountain, the possessor of which shall never thirst."

Moreover, out of him who drinketh the Living Water "shall flow rivers" to refresh and enliven others. Shall we not appropriate the words of the woman, "Sir, give me this water that I thirst not." "Whoever will, let him take the water of life freely." "And this is the record, that God hath given us His Son, and that this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath life."

International S. S. Lesson for February 5th, 1899.
Jesus Healing the Nobleman's Son, John 4: 43-54.
Golden Text—"Jesus said unto him, thy son liveth; and himself believed and his house."—John 4: 53.

There was a nobleman in Capernaum who was in great trouble, for his son was sick at the point of death. He lived only twenty miles from Cana where Jesus had turned the water into wine for the wedding party, and of course everybody was talking about His great power and loving-kindness, for He had gone to Capernaum from Cana. He had His wife and children, and his wife had heard of the prophet that had no honor in His own country. Strange that He should not have honor everywhere, and that it is so to this day, "for in none other is there salvation, for neither is there any other name under Heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved."

When Jesus came into Galilee, the Galileans received Him, for they had seen all the things that He did at Jerusalem, at the feast of the passover, in which they showed that they remembered the Lord's mercy in bringing our fathers out of Egypt by night.

And when this nobleman of Galilee heard that Jesus had come again to Cana, he hastened to Him as the only hope of his son's life, and besought Him to come and heal him. Jesus knew that his faith was real, but to try him, He said, "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe." The anxious father had only one thing to say, "Sir, come down, ere my child die." There was no hesitation in his faith, and our Lord is always waiting to heal and to save, even as He said, "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

There is nothing too hard for Him to do, nothing too costly for Him to give to His children, and what joy must have filled the nobleman's heart as he heard the saying words from the Great Physician, "Go thy way, thy son liveth." It was not necessary for the

Healer to come to his house, he knew that it would be as the Lord had said. On his way home his servants met him and said, "Thy son liveth," and on asking them when he began to mend, they said, "Yesterday at the seventh hour," so he knew it was at the very hour that Jesus had spoken the words of life.

His son was well; how could it be otherwise than for this whole family to believe in this Great Physician? "Whithersoever He entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought Him that they might touch if it were but the border of His garment; and as many as touched Him were made whole."

Our Saviour is just as near us now, just as ready to heal and save; though we cannot see Him, we can love and trust, "as seeing Him who is invisible" in the hope of His coming for those who look for His appearing. "We know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

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State Road	6:55	7:10	7:25	7:40
Porter	7:05	7:20	7:35	7:50
Kirkwood	7:15	7:30	7:45	8:00
All Pleasant	7:25	7:40	7:55	8:10
Armstrong	7:35	7:50	8:05	8:20
Middletown	7:45	8:00	8:15	8:30
Greenwood	7:55	8:10	8:25	8:40
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Clayton	8:15	8:30	8:45	9:00
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Chester	8:45	9:00	9:15	9:30
Dover	8:55	9:10	9:25	9:40
Wyomissing	9:05	9:20	9:35	9:50
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Blackbird	2.32	2.82	2.62	3.12	3.30	4.22	4.30	5.22
Clayton	2.42	2.92	2.72	3.22	3.40	4.32	4.40	5.32
Smyrna, L.V.	2.52	3.02	2.82	3.32	3.50	4.42	4.50	5.42
Brandywine	2.62	3.12	2.92	3.42	3.60	4.52	4.60	5.52
Chester	2.72	3.22	3.02	3.52	3.70	4.62	4.70	5.62
Dover	2.82	3.32	3.12	3.62	3.80	4.72	4.80	5.72
Wyomissing	2.92	3.42	3.22	3.72	3.90	4.82	4.90	5.82
Woodside	3.02	3.52	3.32	3.82	4.00	4.92	5.00	5.92
Chesapeake	3.12	3.62	3.42	3.92	4.10	5.02	5.10	6.02
Philadelphia	3.20	3.70	3.50	4.00	4.20	5.10	5.20	6.10